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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Secretary of State
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

On January 13, 2016, Chairman Johnson and I sent you a joint letter that requested, among other things, “the cybersecurity PowerPoint presentation . . . relating to the 2011 briefing by Diplomatic Security staff.” On February 18, 2016, Ms. Julia Frifield, the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, sent us that classified PowerPoint presentation used in the cybersecurity briefing, along with an unclassified cover letter. The unclassified cover letter noted that “although the PowerPoint indicates the briefing was for former Secretary Clinton, we understand from the testimony of the briefers that she was not in attendance.”

I am writing today to request that the classified PowerPoint presentation used in Diplomatic Security’s 2011 cybersecurity briefing, which was intended for Secretary Clinton, but she apparently skipped, be declassified. While I make this request in my capacity as the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee in relation the Congressional oversight work of the Committee, to the extent necessary I also make a request for Mandatory Declassification Review under Section 3.5 of Executive Order 13526. I have adequately identified the document at issue, there is no reason to believe the PowerPoint is part of an exempt operational file, and the PowerPoint is not the subject of pending litigation.

Please respond to this request by March 17, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Davis of my Committee Staff at (202) 224-5225. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
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cc: The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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